



Office of Personnel
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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
Washington, DC 20415

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Taylor Amarel
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Via email: 55561-24178034@requests.muckrock.com

Re: FOIA 2018-07770

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 1, 2018 to the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM). You requested copies of all emails sent to, from, or copied to Jeff Tien Han Pon and/or Michael Rigas, containing any of the specified keywords identified in your letter.

Your request is denied because it does not reasonably describe the records sought since you did not state the topic/subject. The FOIA and OPM's regulations implementing FOIA requires that requests describe the records sought with sufficient detail to allow an agency employee familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. 5 CFR 294.108(c). Your request does not adequately describe the records sought, therefore, we are unable to process your request at this time. Moreover, the manner in which the requests are currently posed - as keyword searches in email accounts of senior officials without any other context or description of what you are actually seeking, pose an undue burden on the agency to process. If you wish to pursue your requests, please resubmit them with sufficient detail that will assist an agency employee with readily identifying the requested records.

The undersigned is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this determination. Should you wish to do so, pursuant to 5 CFR 294.110, you must send a copy of your initial request, a copy of the letter denying the request, and a statement as to why you believe the denying official erred within 90 days from the date of this letter to:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Office of General Counsel
1900 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20415

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Office of Government Information Services
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College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448
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Email: ogis@nara.gov

You may also seek additional assistance from OPM's Public Liaison. The OPM FOIA Public Liaison can be reached as follows:

Email: foia@opm.gov
Telephone Hotline: 202-606-1153

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call the FOIA Service Center on 202-606-3642 and refer to FOIA #2017-04095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany C. Ford".

Tiffany Ford
Lead Government Information Specialist
Freedom of Information Act
Office of the Chief Information Officer